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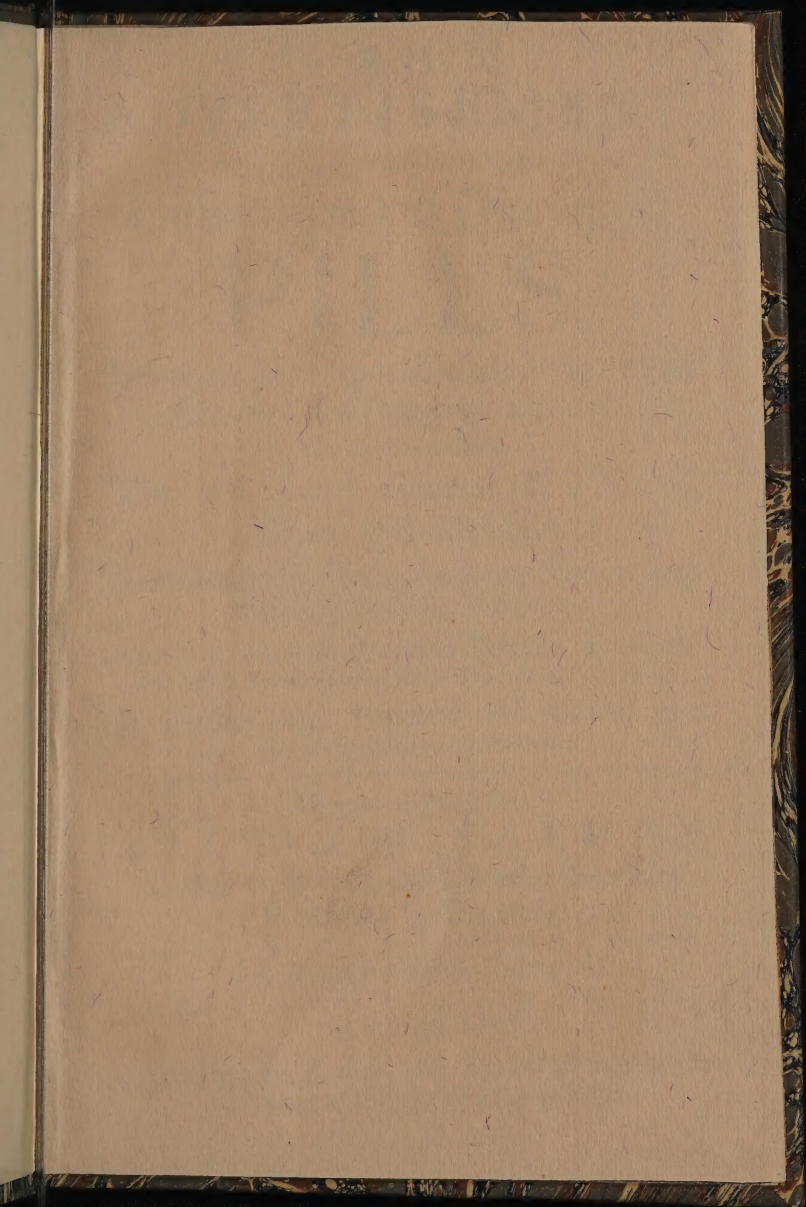






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Concerning those most Famous  
Cathartique and Diuretique

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Being an Incomparable Medicine in all  
Chronical and Dangerous Diseases;

Wherewith was Cured

The late Lord General MONCK  
Of the DROPSIE:

Some hundreds before, and many since, having  
received absolute Cure thereby.

And it is also a most certain Remedy against the  
SCURVY, with all other sharp, salt, and watry Humours.

It Purifies and sweetens the Blood, and  
prevents Infectious Distempers.

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Prepared only by  
WILLIAM SERMON  
Doctor of Physick, and one of his Majesties  
Physicians in Ordinary.

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# Dr. Sermon's

Cathartique and Diuretique

## PILLS.

*Friendly Reader,*

**H**AVING through the wonderful Goodness and Mercy of the Almighty God, by long experience in searching the great Volume of Nature, by a diligent inspection, observing the property of each Distemper, with the nature and occult quality of Metals, Minerals, and Vegetables; some years past arrived to the sublime preparation of this most excellent Medicine, whose transcendent Virtues ( of late ) have been known to many persons of great worth. A Medicament so exceeding rare as admits no Rival for the performance of the foresaid Cures, &c. the want of which every year causeth great numbers of Men, Women, and Children to descend untimely to their Graves.

Therefore I conceive it a duty highly incumbent on me, to let the World share with me in the dispensation of so Divine a Blessing: and so having consequently taken upon me to give this Advertisment, to the intent my Country-men may understand how ready and willing I am to communicate what I have received from the Author of all good things.

To speak much in the praise of these Pills, were but to give jealousy, and indeed occasion to undervalue them; this being the product and result of my Travels, and Lucubrations: I would not be censured so over-fond to perswade the World 'tis worth Reception, since 'tis more proper I should refer you to others to be informed of the Virtues thereof, which few instances shall serve for all.

I here omit to make mention of the persons I have cured of the *Dropsie*, and *Scurvy* in the City of *London*, 1662. 63. and 64. and shall only insert some remarkable Cures performed of late years in the City of *Bristol*, before I was sent for from thence to Cure his Grace the late Lord General *Monck*, who by the virtue of my Pills in 28 days, evacuated by Stool 12 Gallons of Water, his Swellings all abated, and he became perfectly Cured, as you may understand by what follows,

lows, being a True Copy of the Certificate under his Hand and Seal.

*These are to certifie all whom it may concern, That Mr. William Sermon, Professor of Physick, was the person, by Gods Blessing, who did perfectly Cure me with much ease, and in a short time. Given under my Hand and Seal at New-hall this 12th day of July, 1669.*

Albemarle.

In this Edition I have omitted to insert the Case of the Duke of *Albemarle*, as it was found in Dissection, Jan. 4. 1669. believing all sober Persons are well informed, that his Grace was perfectly Cured by my Pills, and that at last he died not of the Dropsie, as many Enviously still report.

However if there be any that are not satisfied of the truth thereof, I refer them to read the Life and Actions of General *Monck*, Page 246. 454. 476. written by that Reverend Divine Dr. *Thomas Gumble*, Chaplain to his late Grace.

Mr. *James Perry*, living at the *White Lion* in *Broadstreet* in the City of *Bristol*, was sorely afflicted with the *Dropsie*, his Belly, Thighs, and Legs extremely swelled, and very hard; infomuch



inſomuch that he could not go: he had a great Cough and Suffocation of the Lungs, loathed his meat, who for the ſpace of ſeven-teen Weeks uſed all means imaginable, and and had the advice of fifteen Phyſicians; ſome cauſed him to be Cupt, others uſed Sca-rification, &c. but took no effect; ſo they all left him off for a dead man: Yet by Gods Bleſſing with two or three Boxes of my Pills, which cauſed him to evacuate by Stool at ſe-veral times about 16 Gallons of diſcoloured water, beſides, forced Urine freely, all his Swellings forthwith abated, his Ulcers ( un-ſkilfully procured ) healed, and he was per-fectly cured in 36 days. This was effected in November and part of December, 1666.

Mr. Robert Liſſon, living about the middle of the *Shambles* in *Briſtol*, was very far gone in the *Dropsie*, and had a Cough that ſorely vexed him, was cured by a box of Pills that exceeded not twelve ſhillings.

Upon *Whiſunday* 1667. I was called to one Mr. *Will. Kinton* Copper-Smith, living at the Red-Lion in *Caſtle-ſtreet*, who was troubled much with that *Dropsie* called *Aſcites*, which is when much watry humour is heaped up between the ſkin, or that film called *Peritoneum*, and the Bowels: he had a great Cough, left by all hopeleſs, and had

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been at a vast charge ; was cured by two 8 shilling boxes of my Pills. With the said Medicine was cured *Richard Chandler* near the *Pity-gate*.

Also *Richard Davies* belonging then to the Sugar-house in *Temple-street*, very far gone in that Dropsie called *Anasarca*, which is when the humour is dispersed throughout the whole Body, that the Flesh doth appear altogether moist, and wet like a Sponge. This cure I effected in *February 1667*.

*Mr. Peter Grant*, living at the sign of the Angel in *St. Mary Port-street, Bristol*, being brought exceeding low with the Dropsie, who also had a violent pain in his stomach, his breath very short ; his Relations and Friends giving him over, having no hopes of his life, aged near 60 : he at last making use of about 16 shillings worth of my Pills, was in a short time perfectly Cured.

Also *Ann Estridge* aged near 22, in *St. Peters street*, in the City aforesaid, for want of her monthly sickness, fell into a Dropsie, and so extremely swelled, that her belly, thighs and legs were ready to split, who for sometime lay speechless, yet by Gods blessing and my Pills was perfectly Cured.

One *Phyllis*, in *Wind-street* in the same City,

City, aged near 50. her monthly courses had left her, and she being full of excrementitious humors, fell into a violent Dropsie, &c. very much swelled and in great pain, whom I cured in few weeks.

And for the future to prevent such Accidents, I advise the Female Sex about the time that those are leaving them, to take some of my Pills (as directed in this Book) for certainly it hath been found, and still will be the best Medicine under the Heavens in such cases, not only to prevent the Dropsie, but several distempers that beget Mortality before the appointed time; which none shall pass, neither can then Physick take the least effect.

The Wife of Mr. *Arthur Baker*. in the Parish of *Cromwel* in the County of *Glocester*, afflicted much with the Dropsie, and sorely tormented with a Spasmus, a disease in which the sinews are drawn and pluckt up against the Patients will, was cured by my Pills, though in the winter time, and very much frost and snow.

Mr. *James Russel* in *Bath*, I cured with one Box of my Pills.

Mr. *William Underhills* Son, in the Parish of *Bitton*, five miles from *Bristol*, afflicted with that Dropsie called *Tympanites* (which

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is when much windiness and superfluous vapours is gathered in the aforesaid places of the belly, was cured with two or three boxes of my Pills.

Since his Grace the late Lord General received a perfect cure in *June* and *July* 1669. by my Pills, several persons of great Honour are ready to subscribe to the Worth of this great *Arcanum*, having received benefit thereby.

Also Mr. *Edmund saunders* Barrister of the *Middle-Temple*, inclinable to the Dropsie and Scurvy, had help thereby, after which being at *Glocester* sent for a 12 s. box of my Pills, and gave them freely to the Wife of one *Watkins* in *Wotton* near the City aforesaid, by which means she was soon cured, though far gone in a Dropsie. I could wish all (with him) that are able to be charitable to the poor.

Likewise Captain *Anthony Langstone*, Captain *wedlow* of the *Sun-Tavern* in *Bishops-gate street*, Mr. *Ford*, Secretary to the Lord *Roberts*, received help by the Medicine aforesaid.

Mr. *Lewis Reme*, Painter to his Grace *Christopher* Lord Duke of *Albemarle*, much troubled with the Dropsie, had help by my Pills.

Captain *John Wharton*, in *George-yard* in *Kings-street Westminster*, much troubled with the *Dropsie* and *Scurvy*, became very weak, was perfectly cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. *Christopher Brenam*, at the sign of the *Christopher* in *Duffins Alley* in the same street, had speedy help by my Pills.

Mr. *Thomas Refould*, and Mistress *Ann Refould* his Wife: living at the *Prince of Orange* in *Cannon-Row Westminster*, were both cured of the *Dropsie* with my Pills.

Mr. *Baggot*, Yeoman-Porter to the Gate and Park-stairs at *White-hall*, aged 80 odd, troubled much with the *Scurvy* and *Dropsie*, by taking 10 or 12 doses of my Pills was cured.

Mr. *Day*, living at the Coffee-house in *Chapple-street Westminster*, violently afflicted with the *Dropsie*, and full of salt sharp humours, his belly and members extremely swelled, was with seven 4 s. boxes of my Pills cured.

Mr. *Arundel*, a Bricklayer, near the place aforesaid, afflicted with the *Dropsie*, was also cured in a short time with 3 or 4 boxes of my Pills.

Serjeant *Granger*, in *Bishops-head Court* in *Grays-Inn-lane*, was cured of the *Dropsie*



Dropsie with two twelve shilling boxes of my Pills.

Corporal *Davis* at the five Bells in the same Lane, long afflicted with the Dropsie, and had a violent Asthma, &c. by reason of a watry humour got into the Lungs, yet by Gods blessing was perfectly cured with my Pills.

Mr. *Shipton* at the Horse-shoe over against Clarendon House.

Mr. *Thomas Harrison* at the Meermald in Red-lion-fields, near Holborn.

Mistress *Dobson* at the Jacob and 12 Sons in Redcross-street, were all cured of the Dropsie with my Pills.

Also Mistress *Ann Buckridge* of Stockwel, within two miles of Lambeth.

Mr. *Ryves*, at the Golden Anchor, the Corner house in Lumbard-street, having an indisposition of body, at last fell into a Dropsie, Scurvy, &c. But taking it in time, was cured with one box of my Pills.

Mr. *Richard Mills* his son of Enfield in the County of Middlesex, within 10 miles of the City of London, aged about 14 years, his belly, and members, &c. very much swelled, his father sought all means imaginable but found none, till he took of my Pills, with which he received a perfect cure.

Mr. *Joseph Haylock*, servant to Mr. *Alder-  
man Gray* in the Town aforesaid, most  
violently afflicted with the Dropſie, and had  
a great Cough and ſuffocation of the  
Lungs, &c. He ſpet abundance of corrupt  
and foetid matter, and was left off by all for  
a dead man, and at laſt I cured him for three  
and twenty ſhillings, though in the miſt  
of his Cure (as many have been to their ut-  
ter ruine) was perſwaded againſt me, and  
my Pills, ſo that in plain terms he left me  
off for ſix weeks, but at length begg'd me  
to take him again, being very unwilling  
(when he had got a pair of Spectacles) to be  
perſwaded to his Grave.

☞ For this medicament is alwaies ef-  
fectual if taken before the Liver and the reſt  
of the principal bowels are putrified, or na-  
ture decaying (which ſoon hapneth in ſome  
conſtitutions) and ſometimes it pleaſeth God  
to afflict men with ſuch diſeaſes, as no man  
ſhall heal (as you may read at large in the  
Holy Scriptures) but where diſeaſes are cu-  
rable, this medicine with Gods help moſt  
certainly prevails; therefore you that mind  
your own welfare, take it in time, and ſave  
life for yours, you will have no cauſe to re-  
pent.

☞ Another Cure effected upon a perſon

of the Female Sex, being sorely troubled with sharp humours falling upon the Eyes and Palat, her throat very sore, insomuch that she could not speak; I desired her to open her mouth, I found her Palat eat off, and the root of the Tongue ulcerated; the Nostrils very bad: with much ado she confessed that she had been under cure, and was salivated; it cost her eight pounds, but to no purpose: in 28 days she was perfectly cured with two 12 shilling Boxes of my Pills, and the use of this Gargarism made as followeth.

Take Vine-leaves, or the tops when the leaves are not to be had, one handful; Roch-Allum, Ginger grossly beaten, of each half an ounce; Album Græcum one ounce; boil all these in one quart of Spring water to the consumption of the third part, add thereto half a pound of the best Honey; let it boil two or three walms, strain it, and gargle the Mouth and Throat therewith, and with a Syringe cast some into the Nostrils warm: this done, with the use of the Pills, will both preserve the Nose and Palat, &c.

I shall here insert but only two or three Letters directed to me (though I have many more by me to the same purpose) together with a few more of the most admirable Cures



Cures lately effected by my Pills ; the Medicine so much ( by some ) snarled at.

Sir,

I Received yours, with the three boxes of Pills; one of which I disposed of to *Deborah Jones*, living in *Kings Wood* near this City, aged 60 odd, who was in Cure when you were commanded from *Bristol* to wait upon the Duk of *Albemarle*, in the beginning of *June 1669*. but ever since she hath languished under these distempers, viz. the wind Gour, Scurvy, and Dropsie; but now it hath pleased God, by the means of your Pills, and Bolus, wonderfully to restore her beyond expectation; it hath brought from her by vomit a filmous substance forth of her stomach the length of your hand; and she also voided much water by stool, as I am credibly informed by her Son, whose name is *Thomas Jones*, and it is thought that one box more of your Pills will Cure her. No more at present but my true desires to God for your health, &c. I rest

*Bristol*, Feb. 8.

1670.

Yours in all I may  
Jo. Cox.

Another

*Another Letter as followeth.**Doctor Sermon,*

I Have a long time desired to write, but feared to be troublesome ; but understanding your Candor and Ingenuity to all, I took this boldness upon me ; I am not able to describe my own distemper, but as I can I shall give you thus :

I have been three or four years under a sore affliction that took me, as a violent Ague, shaking me an hour or too, then a violent burning continued twenty four hours, which I suppose stirred up those Hidropical humours that lay near the skin, for they would be very sore, and swell, and I had no remedy but Plasters to draw them : but hearing of your Pills this Winter, I took them, which brought abundance of water from me ; I have taken four boxes of them, and this effect I find, my fits are now so little, that I scarce know when they come, but only by stirring the Humour. They did formerly take away my strength, that I was not able to stir at all, or to turn my self in my bed, but now I lose no strength ( praised be the Lord ) so that I hope I am near Cured.

Sir, I have commended your Pills to a  
Kinswoman



Kinswoman of mine, who I perceived was under a sore hidropical Humour, and had used much means, but to no purpose. And with one box of them is recovered; after she had taken two, then three, she vomited; but coming to take four, and after that five, it brok a cake, congealed in her body, which came forth by stool, since which time she is very well recovered; her mother came to me, and desired me to acquaint you with this miraculous Cure, and returns her and her Daughters hearty thanks.

I have many Friends that visiting me have sent for your Pills, and find very great good thereby. I have been bold to give you this trouble, which pray you pardon, and take the tender of my thankful gratitude to God and you for all the good I find; and shall rest

Neyland in Suffolk, Your ever loving and thankful Friend, Isaac Key.

Since the receipt of the former Letter, I received another, dated *March* the seventh, 167<sup>2</sup>. that informs me that those most sad and terrible fits had quite left Mr. Key.

Another;

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Worthy Sir,

I Have received yours, and do much desire that the great Cure which (by the blessing of God) your Pills have effected on my Wife should be made known to the World; she was very far spent in the Dropsie and Scurvy, and extremely swelled all over her head and face, arms, body, thighs, and legs, and the swelling very hard; her legs were swelled in bigness above half a yard about; and sometimes her eyes were swelled up that she could not see; she was likewise troubled with a violent Cough, and a rising in her throat, which would stop her up, and many times take away her speech; she was also troubled with a violent pain in her head, and many times distracted with it.

Her Condition was so dangerous, that she made use of all the ablest Physicians that we could here of, without finding the least benefit by them; and they had all left her off, and said that she could not live many days. And it pleased God that she heard of your Pills, which Cured her perfectly in two months, viz. in June and July, 1670. which was a great and miraculous Cure, and a wonder

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to all that knew her. Thus with, my humble service and hearty thanks to you I remain,

*Branham in Suffolk,*  
near Ipswich  
Feb. 25. 1672.

*Sir, yours whilst I am*  
John Jones.

Mistress *Anne Brinley*, the Wife of Mr. Alderman *Brinley*, in the City of *Worcester*, most horribly afflicted with the Dropsie, and Scurvy, her belly, thighs, and legs, extremely swelled, and almost deprived of breath; she had made use of many eminent and able Physicians, ( who questionless used their best endeavours ) yet to no purpose, and so left by all her nearest Relations for a dead woman; but accidentally hearing of my Pills, and making use thereof according to directions, forthwith evacuated abundance of water by stool, &c. her swellings all abated in a short time, and she became perfectly well to admiration. This great Cure was effected about *Midsummer* last, 1670. Since which time many more of good quality, in and adjacent to that City, have found wonderful good thereby.

Mistress *Seawell*, in *Well-yard* in little *St. Bartholomews*, very dangerously afflicted with that Dropsie called *Tympanites*, her belly



belly extremely swelled; she had lost her appetite, and was very weak; but through Gods mercy, by taking of my Pills was perfectly restored to her former health.

Mr. *John Walker*, Attorney, living over against the sign of the *Whale-bone* in *Leith-bury*, sorely troubled with violent straining, and every morning subject to vomit; also tormented with vapours arising from his stomach, &c. which did much offend his head, but never received benefit by any Medicine, before he took my Pills.

The Daughter of *J. P.* in the County of *Glocester*, near *Bath*, Aged 37. for seven years troubled with an ill distemper, which she called the Whites; also a great weakness and pain in her back, sharpness of Urin, &c. and broke forth over all her body much like to a Leprosie; the humour salt and sharp; by taking my Pills one Spring and Fall was perfectly cured. The days she took no Pills I advised her to drink the Decoction of *Plantain*, *Yarrow*, *Knotgrass*, and the middle bark of *Elme*. And sometimes she anointed the sores with the ointment made as followeth.

Take Oyl of *Roses* three ounces, the white Oyntment with *Camphir* two ounces, *Sal. Prunellæ* one ounce, *Crude Antimony* reduced into very fine powder half an ounce, mix them

them all together, and keep it for use.

A good old woman, formerly a Souldier in the Wars of *Venus*, not living many miles from the place aforesaid, sorely afflicted with the Scurvy, &c. with a kind of a pocky humour in her Eyes, and a filthy stinking Ulcer in her throat, by reason of which she could not speak, and when she went to drink, it would run out at her Nostrils, was at last perfectly Cured by taking four 4 s. boxes of my Pills, with the use of the Gargarism, page 11.

Another woman, Aged about 60. living near the City of *Bristol*, troubled long with an Ulcer in her throat, and had violent continual pains in her Legs, &c. was cured in a short time by the Means aforesaid, only she took of the following Bolus three times, and sweat as directed.

How to prevent and cure the Gout (especially where it is not hereditary or long contracted) with all other violent pains in the joynts, by my Pills and the following Bolus, which I have often proved to be true.


Take Venice Treacle one drachm, the powder of Virginy Snake-weed, Gascoign powder, Diaphoretick Antimony, of each 10 grains, Saffron, Salt of Scurvy-grass, Wormwood, and Salt of Ash, of each 5 grains, make



make it up into a Bolus with the Syrrup of Ground-pine; take it about 4 or 5 of the Clock in the afternoon, by it self, or with hot Sack, &c. being in bed covered warm, sweat as you are able to bear it, and rub your selves with warm clothes, and be sure to take no cold. The very next morning take three or four of my Pills, more or less, according to the strength of your bodies; thus do two days in five, the Bolus may serve the weaker sort twice. I judge this method sufficient to cure many occult and dangerous distempers, (especially where the body is not maciated, &c.) The Bolus you may have made up by any Apothecary.

I could give you an exact account of several other great Cures effected by my Pills, upon many persons of good quality, with the least charges imaginable (and upon the poor for nothing, it ever being part of my practice so to do) not only in the City of London, but in several other Cities, and parts of *England* and *Wales*, which here tosert their names and dwellings, would swell this beyond my present intentions. If it if any are curious in this particular, I am ready to produce Letters from hundreds, wherein I have thanks given me, &c. for the mirable Cures done by them when left  
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void of help by any other means ; and I know nothing to the contrary why all may not receive Cure thereby , if they will follow taking these Pills for some time according to directions ; But God knows many are fickle-minded, and ( as aforesaid ) are persuaded to expend their moneys upon undigested, crude drugs, by every blind direction, till too late ; and then, to the grief of my soul, I have heard them cry out, Oh that I had never seen such and such, for they persuaded me against your Pills, when at first those poor people ( that I have turned away, giving them nothing, except 6 d. to buy a glass of Wine to comfort their dying spirits ) might have received a perfect Cure by Gods blessing, with two or three boxes of my Pills. But let such as will be thus deceived, acquiesce in their own Ignorance, it's indifferent to me.

 I advise all Hydropical and Scorbucal persons, during the time of taking these Pills ( though usually very dry ) to drink as little as possible, except of the Liquor made as followeth: Take the Bark of Elder, red Sage, Ground Ivy, or the Herb called Alehoof, Smallage, Fennel-roots, Scurvy-grass Parsly-roots, of each half a pound, of the best Juniper berries one pound, Ginger hal

an ounce, cut and bruise all these, and tye them up in a thin cloath, and hang them in an earthen Stein, and pour thereto 8 Gallons of new Ale ; so let it work together : when it is fit to drink you may drink a good draught first in the morning, and last at night. And if there be an appetite, eat any thing of light digestion, though the Pills have not done working ; and in warm weather walk about your occasions ; for in this Medicine there is no danger ; they are so safe, that it is my custom to take them at any time of the day ; they retain their virtue *for many years*, and are of excellent use for Mariners, and for such as travel long Journeys by Land ; for it doth not only cure sudden Accidents, but prevents Diseases, that oftentimes happen to the utter ruine of the Patient.

But some scandalously report, that these Pills are dangerous in the working, being too strong for any person but one of extraordinary strength of Nature. Secondly, That I have no skill in the Art of Physick ; and that I have no other Medicine but this particular Receipt or Composition. But let all know, these are meer scandals, raised upon me by persons of an envious spirit ; and especially by some of the same Faculty ; who are afraid that this Medicine may in great measure



sure eclipse that mercenary repute which they have gotten by fraud and several Artifices. There being nothing more certain and confirmed ( by the experience of all persons that have made use of my Pills ) that no Physick works with more facility, neither is there any that is more sutable to every one, even the weakest constitutions: and it is well known, that I have with good success cured all sorts of Diseases ( though most difficult ) with as great expedition as any Physician whatsoever. However I do not publish this with design to create a benefit to my self ( for it is sufficiently known I need it not ) but candidly and really to promote the common good, to help chiefly ( as well as the rich ) the meaner sort of people, who are not able to be at that great expence in Doctors Fees, and long courses of Physick; which do not only exhaust the pulse, but macerate and weaken the body.

Moreover, these Pills are good against violent pains in the head, breast, and stomach, extreme stoppage and windiness thereof; they are also most excellent in all sudden surfeits, caused by excess either in eating or drinking, which commonly violent Fevers follow, and many times death, if not prevented: which this medicine taken in time

( with

with Gods blessing ) will at once help; it likewise opens the obstructions of the Liver and Spleen, and expells all superfluous humidity, and that from the Womb, being oftentimes the cause of non-conception; it never hurts, but works only upon the humours offending, so certainly prevents the worst of diseases incident to humane bodies. It is the only medicine to purge the Reins, it provokes Urine, hinders the generation of the Gravel and Stone in the Kidneys, strengthens the vessels spermatick, and are well known to help the Gonorrhea of all kinds, ( without the use of astringent medicines ) being most safe; according to that authentick Aphorism,

*Sublatâ Causâ tollitur Effectus.*

They also are of excellent use for such as are plethorick, and inclineable to over-much fat.

In the *DROPSIE*, and *SCURVY*, by a magnetick virtue, it attracts or draws all watry humours forth of the Blood, and all other parts, by the pores into the intestines, so carries it off by stool. It strengthens the Liver, from the coldness and weakness of which all Dropsies proceed: it operates by Stool and Urine; a large dose, which is 5 small Pills, causeth sometimes the Patient

to vomit; it is like a diligent and active Beadle, it waits upon all malignant and extravagant humours, never leaving them till they are out of the Corporation. In a word, it cureth when all other medicines fail, though administred by the most learned and long experienced Physicians. To the ingenious I write; for others that can relish nothing but what they do themselves, I value them not, believing my medicine beyond their censure and malice.

*The manner of taking these Pills, is as followeth.*

A Child between 6 and 10 years of age, may take one; the weaker sort of people two or three, the stronger four or five, &c. In the Winter take them about four or five of the clock in the morning, and sleep thereon. In the Spring and Summer, going to bed at night, or how you find them best suit with your Constitutions; swallow them in the pap of a rosted Apple, or with any warm liquor. You need not drink Posset, or Broth, as with other Physick; but if dry, what you please,  
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as Beer, Ale, White-wine, &c. They may be taken every day, every second, or third; the greater occasion, the oftener, if strength will permit. They operate with much ease, and only upon peccant humours, by which means some are Cured in a very short time, others not so soon, according to the Constitution and habit of the body, &c.

Therefore all may not expect perfect Cure by two or three small boxes of these Pills, ( though many have enjoyed that great felicity ) but it need require take more; and be not inveigled ( by persons of a base self-interest ) against that Medicine which with Gods help will absolutely cure this pernicious disease ( viz. the Dropsie ) when all others fail, as by daily experience doth appear; So let me advise the Ingenious not to prolong time, as many to their utter ruine have done, otherwise there need not have died of the Dropsie in this City ( last year ) nine hundred and nineteen.

These Pills may be safely taken at any season of the year; if they chance to grow hard, before you take them, then roul them a little between your fingers, and they will work as

well as if newly prepared, though you have had them by you seven years.

The boxes are sealed up with my own Seal: *The 4 s. Box contains 20 Pills, The 8 s. Box 40 Pills, The 12 s. Box 60 Pills,* which are disposed of by my trusty Friend Mr. *Edward Thomas*, Bookseller, at the *Adam and Eve* in *Little Britain*, whom I have solely deputed under my hand and seal to make sale thereof; and he to appoint others also to sell them, not only in the City of *London*, but in all other parts of the Kingdom, &c. And are at present to be had as followeth:

At Major *Nath. Brookes* at the *Angel* in *Cornhill* near the *Royal Exchange*.

Mr. *George Calvert's* at the *Golden Ball* in *Duck-lane*.

Mr. *Edward Brewster* at the *Crane* in *St. Paul's Church-yard*.

Mr. *John Place* next *Furnivals-Inn-gate* in *Holborn*.

Mr. *Allen Banks*, and Mr. *Charles Harper* at the *Flower-de-Luce* in *Fleetstreet*.

Mr. *William Crook* at the *Green Dragon* without *Temple-Bar*.

Mr. *William Cadman* Bookseller at the entrance into the *New Exchange*.

Mr. *Thomas Parkhurst* at the *Golden Bible* and

and three Crowns in *Cheapside* near *Mercers Chappel*.

*Mrs. Anne Michel* in *Westminster Hall*.

*Captain William Newman* at the Anchor in *Seething Lane*, near the Navy Office.

*Mr. John Massam* Stationer, at the sign of the *George* in *Cow-lane* near *Holborn Conduit*.

*Mr. William Wilde* under the Cross-  
Keyes near *Hicks's-Hall* in *St. Johns-street*.

*Mr. John Christmas* over against the Cock in *Suffolk street*, near *Charing-Cross*.

*Mr. Thomas Thomas*, in the City of *Bristol* Bookseller.

*Mr. Alexander Davis* over against the golden Heart in *South-gate-street Gloucester*.

*Mr. John Jones* Bookseller in the City of *Worcester*.

*Mr. Isaac Purs* in *Walton Cardiff*, near *Tewsbury* in the County of *Glocester*.

*Mr. William Newton* Bookseller in *Blandford* in the County of *Dorset*.

*Mr. William Wombwell* at the Coffee-house in *Coney-street* in the City of *York*.

*Mr. William Callis* an Apothecary in *Leicester*.

*Mr. Roberts*



Mr. Robert Harford Stationer at the Hand and Pen upon the Point in *Portsmouth*.

Mr. John Fenes in *Brantham* in the County of *Suffolk* near *Ipswich*.

Mr. William King in *Leominster* in the County of *Hereford*.

Mr. Tho. Salmon Bookfeller in *Bath*.

Mr. Robert Eveleigh in the City of *Exeter* Bookfeller.

Mr. William Thorpe in *Westchester* Bookfeller.

And at my house in *Eastharding-street*, at the two Black-Posts near the sign of Goldsmiths Hall between *Fetter-lane* and *Shoe-lane London*, where by Gods assistance I am now settled for the remaining part of my Life. And certainly, besides the Dropsie, ( according to the best method of Physick ) Cures any other difficult and dangerous distemper, in the shortest time, and with the greatest ease imaginable.

And for such as desire ( in any disease ) a private Cure, may be accommodated at my own house, where without fraud shall soon have their desires accomplished.

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**I** Had almost forgot to let the discreet Reader know, that there are many malicious and Idle Empericks, daily perswading the harmless to their graves ; telling them, they understand the Composition of my Pills, &c.

These are therefore to advertise all persons to beware of those fraudulent Impostors who with no less Arrogance than Ignorance falsely (to ruine others ) pretend to the acquisition of this excellent secret ( through Gods mercy of my own Invention ) wholly lock'd up in my brest, incommunicable to any, my Wife only excepted, to whom I have made known the whole preparation thereof, that if it please God she survive me, it may still be prepared for the benefit of my Country.

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POSTSCRIPT

I have just received from  
 your brother a copy of the  
 letter which you have written  
 to him. I am very glad to  
 hear that you are well and  
 hope that you will continue  
 to improve. I am sure that  
 you will be able to do so  
 if you only persevere. I am  
 your affectionate friend  
 and brother  
 John

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